

# VILLAGER

## Collection System Preventative Maintenance Program

The Village has been committed to investing and improving the wastewater infrastructure throughout town for many years now. With over 676,645 feet of sewer lines, 2,995 manholes, 12 pumping stations, 3 treatment plants and an excess flow lagoon, wastewater infrastructure is one of the Village's biggest assets.

The wastewater collection system in the Village is a combination of sewer lines, manholes and lift stations that all work to get the sewage from your homes to one of our sewer treatment plants. In an effort to minimize problems in our collection system, we began a rigorous maintenance program in 2009. One portion of this program is sewer line cleaning and television inspection. Sewer cleaning and television inspection helps us locate issues before they become a sewer back up. Every year a portion of the Village is scheduled for cleaning and inspection. In 2014 we completed the Plant 1 service area which is roughly everything from Illinois Highway north to Francis Rd. In 2015 we began the Plant 2 service area which is everything south of Illinois Highway; that was completed in 2016-2017. As of 2017 all sewer lines in the village have been cleaned. In 2018 we will be back in the Plant #1 service area sewer cleaning north of Route 30, both sides of Cedar Rd. to Francis Rd.

In New Lenox, we understand that in order to maintain a healthy and vibrant community, investing in infrastructure is of the utmost importance. We are committed to investing in our community to keep New Lenox a great option for residents and businesses.

The wastewater department is available 24/7 365. Any time you suspect a sewer issue, call the Village first to determine if the problem is located in the sewer main or your service line. During normal business hours you can call Public Works at (815) 215-4800 to have an employee dispatched to your home. If your issue occurs after hours you can call the Village's non-emergency number (815) 485-2500 and an employee will contact you.



## Fire Hydrants in the Village of New Lenox

It's a common misconception that the fire hydrants you see in the Village belong to the fire department. The primary purpose of a fire hydrant is to allow fire departments direct access to the water supply in case of a fire, but every hydrant is the property and responsibility of the Village.

There are thousands of fire hydrants within the Village limits and each one is strategically placed, tested, exercised and maintained by our Public Works Water Department.

Hydrants are flushed periodically as an important preventive maintenance activity that helps to ensure the integrity of the water system and to provide the highest quality of water to our residents. More specifically, hydrant flushing serves to flush sediments from water main pipes, thus enhancing water quality. The process also verifies that hydrants and valves are working properly and that ample water flow is available in case of an emergency, and in turn aids in determining any weakness in the pipes, fittings and valves.

There are two types of pressurized fire hydrants: wet-barrel and dry-barrel. The Village of New Lenox uses the dry-barrel design. In a dry-barrel design, the hydrant is separated from the pressurized water source by a main valve in the lower section of the hydrant below ground. The upper section remains dry until the main valve is opened by means of a long stem that extends up through the top, or bonnet, of the hydrant. There are no valves on the outlets. Dry-barrel hydrants are usually used where winter temperatures fall below 32° F (0° C) to prevent the hydrant from freezing.

It is unlikely that the fire hydrant will disappear from the landscape anytime in the near future. Water is still the most cost-effective fire suppressant, and the hydrant is still the most cost-effective way to provide a ready supply of water. If anything, the fire hydrant will gain importance as fire departments and taxpayers alike realize that strategically placed, well maintained, high-capacity hydrants will significantly protect our communities.

If you have any questions regarding fire hydrants or the water system in the Village of New Lenox, call Public Works at (815) 215-4800.



## Village Officials

Timothy Baldermann / Mayor  
 Laura Zilinskas / Village Clerk  
 Annette Bowden / Trustee  
 David Butterfield / Trustee  
 Douglas Finnegan / Trustee  
 Jasen Howard / Trustee  
 Keith Madsen / Trustee  
 David Smith / Trustee  
 Kurt T. Carroll / Village Administrator

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## Village Meeting Dates

**Village Board Meetings:** Second and fourth Monday of each month at 7pm  
**Council of the Whole Meetings:** Third Monday of each month at 7pm  
**Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals:** First and third Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

All meetings are held in the Village Council Chambers at the Village Hall.

Agendas for Village Board and Plan Commission meetings are posted at the Village Hall.

Village Board meetings air on New Lenox Channel 6 starting the day after the meeting.

## New Lenox Village Hall

1 Veterans Parkway  
 New Lenox, IL 60451  
 815.462.6400  
 Hours: Mon. thru Fri. 8:30am-5:00pm

[www.newlenox.net](http://www.newlenox.net)

## Who's New in Town



- **Bothwell Farms**, 348 W. Maple St. (greenhouse in the parking lot on Route 30 with Ace Hardware and JBD White Horse Inn). Website: <https://www.facebook.com/BothwellFarms/>. Plants and produce available now.
- **Silver Cross Surgery Center**, 1003 Pawlak Parkway (west of Silver Cross Hospital). Website: <http://silver-cross-surgery-center.business.site/>

## Look Forward to These Establishments



- **Plus One Cleaners**, 1314 N. Cedar Rd. (in the plaza on the northeast corner of North Cedar and Francis Roads). Tentative Opening: July 5, 2018.
- **Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant**, 2307 E. Lincoln Hwy. (west of Five Guys Restaurant on Route 30 & Vancina Lane). Website: <https://chwinery.com/> Tentative Opening: November, 2018.
- **Pete's Fresh Market**, 2307 E. Lincoln Hwy. (with Cooper's Hawk). Website: <https://www.petesfresh.com/> Tentative Opening: 2020.
- **Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital**, 1004 Pawlak Parkway (west of Silver Cross Hospital). Website: <https://www.silvercross.org/about-us/news/2340-groundbreaking-ceremony-held-for-silver-oaks-behavioral-hospital> Tentative Opening: Early 2019.

## Same Services Under New Ownership

- **Helping Hands Children's Therapy Services Inc.**, 185 S. Marley Rd. (on the southwest corner of Marley Rd. & Rt. 30). Website: <https://www.helpinghandstherapy.org/> (business name is unchanged).
- **Pinnacle Dermatology, LLC**, 1870 Silver Cross Blvd., Suite 250. Website: <https://pinnacleskin.com/> (formerly Southwest Dermatology).

## Thank You for Shopping Local

The Village and Chamber of Commerce are pleased that survey results from the businesses who participated in the 2018 "Bring on Spring" promotional campaign resulted in additional customers. Remember to keep shopping local, shopping in-person, and shopping in New Lenox.

## Next Campaign is Restaurant Week

Plan to stay out of the kitchen for a week in September. The Village and Chamber will host its second annual restaurant week promotion. Participation forms will be sent out to local restaurants in July who wish to offer 20% off, buy one/get something free, or other specials of the restaurant's choosing. Stay tuned and mark your calendar to not cook at home between September 4th and the 11th!



## Village of New Lenox Rain Garden

The Village of New Lenox recently installed a rain garden near the New Lenox Community Park District Building located near the intersection of Haven Avenue and Gear Drive. This new green infrastructure project was partially funded thru a grant from the Will County Storm Water Committee. The rain garden is just west of the Park District parking lot because parking lots and / or buildings can contribute to pollutants such as total suspended solids and chlorides.

The goal of this new green infrastructure (rain gardens) in this area will be to manage storm water and reduce pollutant loading to the Hickory Creek Watershed and its tributaries, increase infiltration, and provide aesthetically pleasing visual barriers. In addition, the rain garden provides education for the community regarding green infrastructure and native vegetation, which meet NPDES MS4 permit requirements.



## 2018 Road Resurfacing Project

The 2018 Road Resurfacing Project includes improvements to sidewalks to eliminate trip hazards from cracked and spalled concrete. The project also includes curb and gutter replacement to improve storm water conveyance. In addition, asphalt removal and replacement on approximately 6 miles of Village roads will be conducted to eliminate potholes and failing pavement. Additionally, the project includes improvements to storm structures in the curb to eliminate sinkholes. The project has a budget of approximately \$1.3 Million.

The project will begin around the end of June, and should be completed by the end of September. Streets to be completed this year include:

Heatherway Lane:	Laraway Road to Shagbark Road
Shagbark Road:	Nelson Road to Stonebridge Drive
Shagbark Court:	Shagbark Road to Cul-de-Sac
Timber Place:	Heatherway Lane to Stonebridge Drive
Kingston Drive:	Rebecca Drive to Washington Street
Sheffield Drive:	Kingston Drive to Doxbury Lane
Dorsett Lane:	Kingston Drive to Sheffield Drive
York Place:	Dorsett Lane to Sheffield Drive
Doxbury Lane:	Sheffield Drive to Rebecca Drive
Moss Lane:	Sonoma Road to Kingston Drive
Joliet Highway:	Cedar Road to Spencer Road
Spencer Road:	Joliet Highway to RT 30
Joliet Highway:	Cedar Road to Wisconsin Road
Pine Street:	Joliet Highway to Central Road
Central Road:	Wildwood Drive to Gear Drive
Heartland Drive:	Wildwood Drive to Gear Drive
Ridgefield Road:	Wildwood Drive to Gear Drive

## Triple Play Concert Series

Two concerts remain in this summer's Triple Play lineup, and you don't want to miss the chance to see world-class bands perform in your hometown. Remaining concerts include Chris Isaak on August 11th and Bruce Hornsby and the Noisemakers with Joan Osborne on August 25th. Tickets are available at the Village Hall during regular business hours for \$70 each. Visit [www.newlenox.net/tripleplay](http://www.newlenox.net/tripleplay) for more information.



## Play Day in the Commons

New in 2018, this event will feature a full day of activities for your youngest family members. In the Commons on Sunday, July 15th you'll find visits from your favorite Paw Patrol characters plus visits from Belle and Cinderella, bounce houses, water slides, a video game truck, face painters, and more! When you need to sit and relax for a moment, you'll want to do so near the Performing Arts Pavilion, where you might catch an interactive magic show, an animal show, or live music. For more details, visit [www.newlenox.net/events](http://www.newlenox.net/events).

## Fridays After Five

Wind down after a long week and get ready for the weekend with Fridays After Five, featuring food trucks and live music in the Village Commons. This free event will take place July 20th and August 31st. Coolers, blankets, and lawn chairs are all welcome as you spend the evening enjoying the tastes and the tunes. The full lineup of food trucks and bands can be found at [www.newlenox.net/events](http://www.newlenox.net/events).



## Independence Day Celebration

Celebrate the Fourth of July with festivities in the Village Commons on Tuesday, July 4th. The party starts at 6:00pm with a performance by Epic from the Performing Arts Pavilion, followed by a patriotic performance by the Joliet American Legion Band. Sunset in New Lenox will bring a fireworks display to honor our nation's independence as we celebrate together as a community. Be sure to bring the kids by the new Kid Zone, where they can find crafts and giveaways for this patriotic celebration!

## Summer Movie Nights

Grab your blankets and lawn chairs and head to the Village Commons on Wednesday nights for our summer movie night series. The full schedule of movies can be viewed at [www.newlenox.net/events](http://www.newlenox.net/events), and you'll want to be sure you don't miss out on special movie nights that feature activities for the kids in attendance! On Wednesday, July 11th, children can create their own emoji necklaces prior to the showing of The Emoji Movie. Wednesday, August 8th will feature a performance by the New Lenox Community Band and a toy car giveaway prior to the showing of Cars 3.



## Bands & Brews Returns

Bands & Brews will be back in the Village Commons this summer on Saturday, August 4th. This afternoon will feature a variety of craft beers for guests to enjoy along with live music from three local bands. This event does not require a ticket to enter. No coolers or outside food and beverages will be permitted. Guests of all ages are permitted to attend, but guests must be at least 21 years of age to purchase alcohol. Visit [www.newlenox.net/events](http://www.newlenox.net/events) for more details.

## Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out will take place on Friday, August 17th. Spend some well-deserved girl time with the Village of New Lenox as we offer an afternoon and evening full of entertainment. Grab a glass of wine and shop from a variety of vendors who will be set up in the Village Commons from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, offering everything from clothing, jewelry, kitchen gadgets, home accents, and more. Get your favorite ladies together and treat yourselves to this night out! The full list of vendors will be available at [www.newlenox.net/events](http://www.newlenox.net/events).



## FREE Training – Learn How to Prepare for Emergencies and Disasters

The Village of New Lenox will be hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 20-Hour Basic Class starting on Wednesday September 12, 2018. The Course is **FREE** to New Lenox residents and will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the New Lenox Village Hall. The Final Exercise and Graduation will be held on Saturday October 27, 2018 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.



People who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and community and can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards on themselves, their homes or workplace. If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply the training learned in the classroom and during exercises to provide critical support to their family and neighbors until help arrives. When help does arrive, CERT members provide useful information to responders and support their efforts, as directed, at the disaster site. CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community. CERT volunteers have been utilized to assist in the aftermath of natural disasters by staffing



shelters, assisting with storm clean-up and the management of donation collections. CERT volunteers have also been utilized to install smoke alarms, distribute disaster education material during community events, and provide services at special events, such as parades, 5K races, concerts and more.



Those interested in registering for the FREE class should contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, (815) 462-6493 or [dmartin@newlenox.net](mailto:dmartin@newlenox.net).

## 50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program

Parkway trees can increase property value by up to 14%, but unfortunately diseases such as Emerald Ash Borer, Dutch Elm, and Anthracnose can destroy a solid tree in a few years. The Village continues to budget funds for residential and commercial parkway areas, and has replaced over 1,000 trees utilizing this program.



If you think your tree is dead or dying, contact the Public Works Department at (815) 215-4800 and we will assist in documenting your address and providing you with eligibility details for the 50/50 Replacement Program. Keep in mind there is a select species of trees which are approved under Village Code. This is because there are a variety of factors to be considered when planting parkway trees. Height (which could affect power lines), street visibility, root depth and tree cleanliness all come into consideration when planting parkway trees. A list of approved parkway species can be found on our website, [www.newlenox.net](http://www.newlenox.net) under Village Code - Section 78.145.

Trees are the longest living organisms on the planet and one of the earth's greatest natural resources. They keep our air supply clean, reduce noise pollution, help prevent erosion, provide food and building materials, create shade and help make our landscapes look beautiful.

### Fun Facts:

- The tallest tree in the country is a Coast Redwood-growing in Northern California's Redwood National Park: It is 369 feet tall and over 2000 years old.
- The oldest tree is a Great Basin Bristlecone Pine in White Mountains, California – recorded age, 5067 years old.
- There are over 23,000 different trees around the world.